Child Labour

2721. SHRI PRITHBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Child Labour are still engaged in Tea Gardens of Assam, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to survey the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of rationed and other materials to tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2722. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL supplies be pleased to state:

(a) whether rations and other materials are being supplied Jarwa and Onge Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Island;

(b) the population of the Jarwa and Onge tribes;

(c) if so, the quality of rations etc. supplied per month;

(d) whether they are being tried to civilized; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abolition of labour courts

2723. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abolish labour courts in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Administrative tribunals will be established to expedite the disposal of labour matters; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Under the Trade Unions and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill 1988 which has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1988, Industrial Relations Commissions are proposed to be set up under Article 323B of the Constitution of India. These Commissions will comprise Judicial and Technical Members, the latter being drawn from amongst persons having eminence in the fields of industry, labour or management. These Commissions are proposed to be entrusted with the functions of adjudication of industrial disputes (other than those assigned to Labour Courts) and hearing of appeals against the orders of Labour Courts. The Bill is at present before Parliament

Rapid transport system for Metropolitan Cities

2724. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) has recently described that alternative system of transport be considered while planning for larger metropolis;

(b) whether Government propose to adopt Rapid Transport System for all Indian cities during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so the details of the plans specified by CRRI and the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Road Research Institute in their Report submitted to the Planning Commission in June, 1988 entitled

'Mobility Levels and Transport Problems of Various Population Groups" has recommended that alternative systems of transport should be considered for cities of various sizes. The relevant extract from the Report is enclosed as annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 145]. These recommendations will be considered while formulating transportation strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan. The adoption of mass rapid transit system in our cities during the Eighth Plan will depend on the availability of resources in the context of national and state level priorities.

Import of Seeds affecting indigenous research

2725. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent liberalization in the seed import policy has adversely affected the indigenous research,

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was stiff resistance by the Indian agricultural scientists against the new policy; and

(c) what are the reasons for liberalization of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The basic objective of the New Seed Policy is to facilitate the growth of Indian Seed Industry and secure access to the farmers to the best seed and planting material available anywhere in the world.

Changing the name of Haryana Agriculture University, Hissar

2726. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Haryana Government has requested Central Government to rename the Haryana Agriculture University, Hissar, as Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The renaming of the University needs the amendment of the existing Act. viz. "Haryana and Punjab Agricultural University Act" 1970. Government of India have requested the State Government of Haryana to submit a proposal for the amendment of the Act.

Project proposals pending for clearance

2727. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many project proposals from the residents of Andhra Pradesh State are pending for clearance during the last two years;

(b) how many of the project proposals intended to be set up in Andhra Pradesh, are pending clearance; and

(c) what is the time frame for clearing these project proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Details of project proposals intended to be set up in Andhra Pradesh and which are pending clearance with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.